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——— *Sit Tityrus Orpheus.*
Virg. Ec. VIII.

THE time of the election of a POET LAUREATE being now at hand, many of our Members are exerciſing their wit, in hopes of obtaining that honour The News-papers have been filled with an off-hand copy of verſes on my LORD MAYOR and the Court of Aldermen; which our ingenious Brother Mr. OZELL has, in the *Daily Journal* of monday laſt, owned to be his: and at the ſame time added two other diſtichs on two Aldermen, whom he had forgotten over his bowl of punch in the barge. Not contented with this, our witty Friend has given us a facetious diſtich on a 27th Alderman.

ALDERMAN-BURY, where I firſt drew air,
If there's a *Rus in urbe*, it is there.

This gives me a wonderful pleaſure, not only on account of the unexpected turn of wit, but becauſe it informs us where the Author was born; a circumſtance which, I hope, Mr. JACOB will add to the next edition of his *Lives of the Poets*.

Another ingenious Author has oblig'd the World with an Acroſtick on Sir ROBERT WALPOLE, in the *Daily Jounral* of friday laſt: on the reading of which, Mr. JEFFERY QUIDNUNC, Grandſon to Mr. QUIDNUNC, who is the Editor of the political part of this *Journal*, made the following Epigram *off-hand*.

When coſtive Poets, from diſtemper'd brain,
Dull Anagrams, or low Conundrums ſtrain;
Or ſmear thee, W——, with ACROSTIC droſs;
O! raiſe thy arm, and lay thy STICK ACROSS.

Theſe Gentlemen, indeed, do openly profeſs themſelves Candidates for the Laurel: but Mr. MORLAND, in his poem on the 4th of November, aims at it in plain words:

When fam'd Eliza reign'd, a SPENCER liv'd;
Whoſe fame almoſt his Miſtreſs's ſurviv'd:
And on Great William's glorious acts attends,
One, whom each man, each country too commends;
Fam'd ADDISON, whoſe worth to all is known,
And by fame's trumpet round the world is blown.
Shall our great Monarch then a Poet want?
And is the Engliſh Genius grown ſo ſcant?

This, I muſt take leave to ſay, is a little too pert in a Gentleman, who is only a Candidate for a fellowſhip in our Society. Does Mr. MORLAND imagine, that we have not many Members qualified for this honour, that he ſo forwardly offers himſelf? Let me tell him, Mr. TIBBALD, in particular, is much offended at ſuch an inſult from one of his own profeſſion. Beſides, I am much afraid, that this pert Youngſter is not ſufficiently eſtabliſhed in the Proteſtant Religion: for tho' he has tranſlated his late Majeſty immediately to Heaven; yet he ſeems to have ſent Queen Elizabeth to Purgatory; and has plac'd King William, the Hero of his Poem, no where at all.

Notwithſtanding theſe Gentlemen, ſo fond of ſhewing themſelves on this occaſion; I ſhall humbly beg leave to recommend one, againſt whom there can be no objection: by way of introduction to which, it may be proper to give ſome account of the *Rites* and *Ceremonies* anciently uſed at that ſolemnity, and only diſcontinued thro' the neglect and degeneracy of later times. Theſe we have extracted from an Hiſtorian of undoubted credit, and a Reverend Biſhop, the learned *Paulus Jovius*; and are the ſame that were practiſed under the Pontificate of Leo X. the great reſtorer of learning.

As we now ſee an Age and a Court, that for the encouragement of Poetry rivals, if not exceeds, that of this famous Pope; we cannot but wiſh a reſtoration of all its honours to Poeſy; the rather, ſince there are ſo many parallel circumſtances, in the *perſon* who was then honoured with the Laurel, and in *him*, who (in all probability) is now to wear it.

I ſhall tranſlate my Author exactly, as I find it in the 82d Chapter of his *Elogia Vir. Doct.* He begins with the character of the Poet himſelf, who was the original and father of all Laureates, and called *Camillo*. He was a plain Country-man of *Apulia*, (whether a *Shepherd* or *Threſher*, is not material.) 'This man (ſays *Jovius*) 'excited by the fame of the great encouragement given 'to Poets at Court, and the high honour in which they 'were held, came to the City, bringing with him a 'ſtrange kind of lyre in his hand, and at leaſt ſome *twenty* 'thouſand of verſes. All the Wits and Criticks of the 'Court flock'd about him, delighted to ſee a *Clown*, 'with a ruddy, hale complexion, and in his own long 'hair, ſo top-full of Poetry, and at the firſt ſight of him, 'all agreed, he was born to be *Poet Laureate**. He had 'a moſt hearty welcome, in an *Iſland* of the river *Tyber*, '(an agreeable place, not unlike our *Richmond*) where he 'was firſt made to *eat* and *drink plentifully*, and *to* 'repeat his verſes to every body. Then they adorn'd him 'with a new and elegant garland compoſed of *Vine leaves*, '*Laurel*, and *Braſſica*, (a ſort of cabbage) ſo compo-'ſed (ſays my Author) emblematically, *ut tam ſalsè*, '*quàm lepidè, ejus Temulentia* Braſſicæ *remedio cohibenda* 'notaretur. He was then ſaluted by common conſent 'with the title of *Archi-poeta*, or *Arch-poet*, in the ſtyle of 'thoſe days, in ours, *Poet Laureate*. This honour the 'poor man received with the moſt ſenſible demonſtra-'tions of joy, his eyes drunk with tears of gladneſs †. 'Next, the publick acclamation was expreſs'd in a Can-'ticle, which is yet tranſmitted to us, as follows.

'Salve, braſſicea virens corona
'Et Lauro, Archipoeta, pampinoque,
'Dignus principis auribus Leonis.

All hail, Arch-poet without peer!
Vine, Laurel, Cabbage fit to wear,
And worthy of thy *Prince*'s ear.

From hence, he was conducted in pomp to the *Capitol* of *Rome*, mounted on an *Elephant*, thro' the ſhouts of the populace, where the ceremony ended.

The Hiſtorian tells us farther, 'that at his introduction 'to *Leo*, he not only poured forth verſes innumerable, like 'a torrent, but alſo *ſung* them with *open mouth*. Nor 'was he only once introduced, or on ſtated days (like 'our Laureates) but made a *Companion* to his *Maſter*, 'and entertained as one of the inſtruments of his *moſt* 'e'legant pleaſures. When the Prince was at table, the 'Poet had his place at the window. When the Prince 'had ‖ half eaten his meat, he gave with his own hands 'the reſt to his poet. When the Poet drank, it was out 'of the Prince's own flaggon, inſomuch (ſays the Hiſto-'rian,) that thro' ſo great good eating and drinking he 'contracted a moſt terrible *Gout*. Sorry I am to re-late what follows, but that I cannot leave my Reader's curioſity unſatisfy'd in the cataſtrophe of this extraordi-nary man. To uſe my Author's words, which are re-markable, *mortuo Leone, profligatiſque Poetis*, &c. when Leo dy'd, and Poets were no more, (for I would not under-ſtand *profligatis* literally, as if Poets then were *profligate*) this unhappy Laureate was forthwith reduced to return to his Country, where, oppreſs'd with *old age* and *want*, he miſerably periſh'd in a *common hoſpital*.

We ſee from this ſad concluſion, which may be of example to the Poets of our time, that it were happier to meet with no encouragement at all, to remain at the plough, or other lawful occupation, than to be elevated above their condition, and taken out of the common means of life, without a ſurer ſupport, than the *temporary*, or, at beſt, *mortal* favours of the Great. It was doubtleſs for this conſideration, that when the Royal Bounty was lately extended to a *Rural Genius*, care was taken to *ſettle it upon him for life*. And it hath been the practice of our Princes, never to remove from the ſtation of Poet Laureate any Man who hath once been choſen, tho' never ſo much greater Genius's might ariſe in his time. A noble inſtance, how much the *charity* of our Monarchs hath exceeded their *love* of *fame!*

To come now to the intent of this Paper. We have here the whole ancient *ceremonial* of the Laureate. In the firſt place the Crown is to be mix'd with *Vine-leaves*, as the Vine is the plant of *Bacchus*, and full as eſſential to the honour, as the *butt of ſack*, to the ſalary.

Secondly, the *Braſſica* muſt be made uſe of, as a qualifier of the former. It ſeems the *cabbage* was anciently accounted a remedy for *drunkenneſs*, (a power the French now aſcribe to the onion, and ſtyle a ſoupe made of it, *Soupe d'Ivrogne.*) I would recommend a large mixture of the *Braſſica*, if Mr. D——s be choſen; but if Mr. TIBBALD, it is not ſo neceſſary, unleſs the cabbage be ſuppoſed to ſignify the ſame thing, with reſpect to *Poets* as to *Taylors*, viz. *ſtealing*. I ſhould judge it not amiſs to add another plant to this garland, to wit, *Ivy*: not only as it anciently belonged to Poets in general; but as it is emblematical of the three virtues of a Court Poet in particular, it is *creeping*, *dirty*, and *dangling*.

In the next place, a *Canticle* muſt be compoſed, and ſung in laud and praiſe of the new Poet. If Mr. C——R be laureated, it is my opinion no man can *write* this but himſelf: and no man, I am ſure, can *ſing* it ſo affectingly. But what this Canticle ſhould be, either in his or the other Candidates caſe, I ſhall not pretend to determine.

Thirdly, there ought to be a *publick ſhow*, or *entry* of the Poet: to ſettle the order or proceſſion of which, Mr. ANSTIS and Mr. D——s ought to have a conference. I apprehend here two difficulties: one, of procuring an *Elephant*; the other, of teaching the Poet to ride him: none that I know (except Mr. BUD——who is no Candidate) having been uſed to the *menage*, and the reſt never ſet even on horſe-back. Therefore I ſhould imagine the next animal in ſize or dignity would do beſt; either a Mule or a large Aſs; particularly if that noble one could be had, whoſe portraiture makes ſo great an ornament of the *Dunciad*, and which (unleſs I am miſinform'd) is yet in the park of a Nobleman near this City:——Unleſs Mr. C——R be the man, who may, with great propriety and beauty, ride on a *Dragon*, if he goes by land; or, if he chuſe the water, upon one of his own *Swans* from *Cæſar in Egypt*.

We have ſpoken ſufficiently of the ceremony; let us now ſpeak of the qualifications and privileges of the Laureate. Firſt, we ſee he muſt be able to make verſes extempore, and to pour forth innumerable, if requir'd: In this, I doubt Mr. TIBBALD. Secondly, he ought to *ſing*, and intrepidly, *patulo ore*: here, I confeſs the excellency of Mr. C——R. Thirdly, he ought to carry a *lyre* about with him: If a large one be thought too cumberſom, a ſmall one may be contrived to hang about the neck, like an Order; and be very much a grace to the perſon. Fourthly, he ought to have a good *ſtomach* to eat and drink, whatever his betters think fit; and therefore it is in this high office, as in many others, no puny conſtitution can diſcharge it. I do not think C——R or TIBBALD here ſo happy, but rather a ſtanch, vigorous, ſeaſon'd, and dry, old Gentleman, whom I have in my eye.

I could alſo wiſh at this juncture, ſuch a perſon, as is truly jealous of the honour and dignity of Poetry; no Joker, or Trifler; but a Bard in good earneſt; nay, not amiſs, if a Critic, and the better if a little obſtinate. For when we conſider what great privileges have been loſt from this office, (as we ſee from the fore-cited authentic record of *Jovius*) namely thoſe of *feeding* from the *Prince's table*, *drinking* out of his *own flaggon*, becoming even his *domeſtic* and *companion*; it requires a man warm and reſolute, to be able to claim and obtain the reſtoring of theſe high honours. I have cauſe to fear the moſt of the Candidates would be liable, either through the influence of Miniſters, or for rewards or favours, to give up the glorious rights of the Laureate: yet I am not without hopes, there is *one*, from whom a *ſerious* and *ſteady* aſſertion of theſe privileges may be expected; and, if there be ſuch a one, I muſt do him the juſtice to ſay, it is Mr. D——s, the worthy Preſident of our Society.

* Appulus præpingui vultu alacer, & prolixè comatus, omnino dignus feſta Laurea videretur.

† Manantibus præ gaudio oculis.

‖ Semeſis opſoniis.

An EPIGRAM.

BEhold! ambitious of the *Britiſh* bays,
C——R and DUCK contend in rival lays:
But, gentle COLLEY, ſhould thy verſe prevail,
Thou haſt no fence, alas! againſt his flail:
Wherefore thy claim reſign, allow his right;
For DUCK can *threſh*, you know, as well as *write*.

BAVIUS.

LONDON.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 12.

On tueſday night two Devonſhire Gentlemen, that were juſt come to town, and put up at the Angel Inn, behind St. Clement's, and being in liquor, had the misfortune to fall out, when words ran to ſuch a height, that ſwords

were drawn to decide the ſame: whereupon one received a mortal wound in the breaſt, and died in two hours after; and the other has ſince made his eſcape. *C. P. D P.*

Mr Holman, an eminent diſſenting Miniſter of Halſted in Eſſex, who has been many years making collections, in order to write a hiſtory of that country, went to dine with a friend laſt week, about three miles from his own houſe, and was very chearful and eaſy, and ſeemingly in a good ſtate of health; but going home, went into a church-porch, and was there found dead. *P. L E. — That Gentleman at laſt, was ſo far reconciled to the Church, as to make his exit in her porch; I hope all of 'em will, in time, be reconciled, —— in the ſame manner.*

On monday laſt Abraham Stanyan, Eſq; his Majeſty's late Ambaſſador at the Ottoman Porte, preſented to their Majeſties a curious painting of the Grand Seignior's, newly depoſed, finely done at Conſtantinople. *Ibid. E P.*

On tueſday laſt died Mr. John Gordon, Profeſſor Muſick in Greſham College, and Mr Andrew Motte ſtands a candidate to ſucceed him therein. *Ibid.*

This day an information was granted by the Court of King's-Bench, againſt Mr. Samuel Balding, Deputy to William Morrice, Eſq; High-Bailiff of Weſtminſter, for entering, in a violent and riotous manner, the houſe of Robert Dalrymple, Eſq; in New Bond-ſtreet, on pretence of ſeizing the goods and effects of Collonel Charteris, upon his late conviction of a rape at the Old Baily. *S J. W E.*

We are well aſſured, that the duty on ſoap and candles will be entirely taken off, or, at leaſt, conſiderably diminiſhed, next ſeſſions of parliament. *W E.*

On tueſday night the new opera of *Silvia*, or, *The Country Burial* was performed for the firſt time, at the Theatre-Royal in Lincoln's-Inn-fields; when there appeared a ſett of people, who ſeemed to damn the whole performance if it had been in their power (by their continual hiſſing and cat-calls) notwithſtanding which, the ſame was performed with applauſe by the general approbation of the pit and boxes. *Ibid.*

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 13.

We hear his Majeſty has granted his Royal licence for inlarging the ſtock of the charitable corporation for reliet of induſtrious poor, with 300,000 l. which will increaſe the capital to 600,000 l. *C.*

We hear that his R. Highneſs the Duke will next ſpring make a voyage up the Mediterranean, under an experienced Admiral, for a few months, in order to make him proficient in the practical parts of the mathematicks. *Ibid.*

Extract of a Letter from Northop, Nov. 7, 1730.

'WE have an extraordinary piece of news from Holywell, of a threatniog letter ſent to one Jackſon, ordering him to leave 10 l. in a certain place, upon pain of fire and murder. Upon advice, he left a bag of half pence in the place required, whereby the villains being diſappointed, they broke into his houſe at midnight; but ſome perſons upon guard coming upon them, they made off in all haſte. And on thurſday laſt, being fair-day at Caerways. Jackſon and his guard found two of the rogues, and another of the gang was afterwards ſeized, and committed to Flint goal; they prove to be three Iriſh vagabonds. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday the Corporation of the ſons of the Clergy held their yearly general Court, according to their charter, and choſe their Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurers, and Court of Aſſiſtants, for the year enſuing. *P.*

Yeſterday morning died the Rev. Dr. Kilbourn, Prebendary of St. Paul's. *Ibid.*

Extract of a Letter from Cardigan, Nov. 6.

'ON wedneſday laſt came a ſmall Ship near Cardigan-bar, the Maſter and Men took to their boat before the Ship ſtruck; the boat was ſoon overſet, and they were all drowned, in the ſight of many ſpectators, whereas had they remained on board, they had been all ſafe. The Ship remains whole and tight, and all her lading ſafe, only the fiſhermen were going to pull her to pieces by force, crying, that ſhe was a wreck, and ſo a lawful prize to them. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 14.

On thurſday night, near 12 o'clock, the Coroner's Jury (after an inquiſition that laſted 9 or 10 hours) ſat on the body of Mr. Oland, that was killed at the Angel-Inn in Wych-ſtreet, by Mr. Selwick, and brought in their verdict *willful murder. C. P.*

Yeſterday two private Centinels of the Foot-guards were whipp'd on the parade in St. James's park, purſuant to a ſentence of a late court martial. *Ibid.*

On thurſday laſt, at the breaking up of the Council, Mr Wiggs, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, was diſpatched from my Lord Harrington's office, Whitehall, with diſpatches, to the Earl of Waldgrave, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary to the Court of France. *P.*

The ſame day his Majeſty in Council was pleaſed to order a proclamation to be iſſued out for the apprehending and taking the incendiaries, for ſending threatning letters to ſeveral perſons, demanding money to be left for them in the places ſpecify'd in the ſaid letters. *Ibid. E P.*

And we hear that a reward of one thouſand pounds, as a farther encouragement for the apprehending and taking of ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall be brought to juſtice, will be immediately paid, by order of his Majeſty, out of the treaſury, upon their conviction; beſides his Majeſty's free pardon to ſuch as ſhall diſcover any of his or their accomplices. *Ibid.*

A new monument is erecting at the upper end of the ſouth iſle of Weſtminſter-Abbey, to the memory of Dr. Friend, late Phyſician to his Majeſty. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday Mr. Alexander Evans, an eminent Plumber in Butcherhal-lane, fell down dead at his own door. *Ibid. D P.*

Yeſterday William Wilford was committed to Newgate, on the oath of Mrs. Elizabeth Wrights, for robbing her of her pocket and 18 guineas. *Ibid.*

The following epiſtle is a true copy of thoſe put under the Maſter Weavers doors in the City of Coventry, to his correſpondent here in Town.

Friend Towers,

'BY theſe we let you underſtand, that we are a body of men that have conſidered the diſtreſs of the poor Weavers, and are firmly bound by oath, upon pain of death, to have the burthen of theſe poor ſufferers eaſed, by raiſing the prices of all ſorts of work twelve pence per piece: but upon the refuſal of the requeſt, your houſe ſhall be laid in aſhes, at a time when your bodies ſhall have much ado to eſcape; for you are a ſort of men that delight to grind the face of the poor. It will be juſtice to execute the greateſt judgment upon you, and not on you only, but on all Maſter Weavers in general. I cannot but be loyal to the Government. *God ſave the King. Ibid. E P.*

There was a report yeſterday, that the late Duke of Ormond died lately at Valladolid in Spain. *D P. E P.*

A few days ſince, nine barges and lighters were ſunk under London bridge, occaſioned by a barge of deals ſticking againſt the ſtarlings, which ſunk down, and ſo ſhut the lock. *D P. E P.*

Mr. Riechbrack, the famous Sculptor, is preparing a ſtately monument, to the memory of the late Sir Iſaac Newton, to be erected in Weſtminſter-Abbey. *L E.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 16.

The Parliament, which ſtands prorogued to thurſday the 19th of this inſtant Nov. is further prorogued to thurſday the 14th of December next. *C.*

Yeſterday the R. Hon. Sir Rob. Walpole came to town from his ſeat at Houghton-hall, in Norfolk, and waited the ſame day on their Majeſties at St James's, and was graciouſly received. *Ibid.*

One Peter Burton is committed to the Gatehouſe, on ſuſpicion of ſending threatning letters to one Mr. Cholmly, in the ſtrand. *P.*

On ſaturday laſt John Jones and John Lewis were committed to Newgate by the Lord Mayor, they being charged with extorting money from Mr. Richard Battle, by threatnining to ſwear ſodomy againſt them. *Ibid.* By Sir Rich. Brocas. *D P.*

On ſaturday laſt the Judges met at Serjeant's inn in Chancery-lane, to hear the ſpecial verdict found ſome time ſince againſt John Huggins, Eſq; late Warden of the Fleet, for the murder of Mr. Arne; and after hearing Council for the King, and for the Priſoner, which laſted ſeveral hours; a queſtion aroſe, whether a writ of *venire facias de novo* could iſſue, to try Mr. Huggins again, in caſe the Judges ſhould be of opinion, that the ſpecial verdict was inſufficient: but the further conſideration of that affair was adjourned for a few days. *Ibid.*

About the middle of laſt week died at Bromley, by Bow, —— Turvill, Eſq; at his Brother's houſe, the Rev. Dr. Turvill, to whom a great eſtate falls by his death. *Ibid.*

At the adjournment of the Quarter-ſeſſions in the County of Surrey, held laſt week at St. Margaret's-hill, ſeveral fugitives, who had ſurrendered themſelves to the King's-Bench and Marſhalſea priſons, attended, in order to be diſcharged; but being ſtrictly examined upon oath, it appeared they were not duly qualified, according to the late Act for the relief of inſolvent debtors, and ſo were rejected. *Ibid.*

It is written from Trallee, in the S. W. part of Ireland, the 31ſt of Oct. that a Daniſh Ship of 300 tons and 22 guns, bound from Copenhagen to Eaſt-India, was forced on ſhore near that place, the 28th of the ſaid month; that 12 cheſts of ſilver had been taken out of her, and ſecured in a Merchant's warehouſe; and that they did not doubt ſaving all the goods, and probably the Ship (which ſat upright on ouſy ground) if they could keep the country people from making a wreck of her; the Danes have fitted out this year two Ships for Eaſt-India, and one for China, upon whom great ſums have been aſſured in this City. *D J.*

Laſt thurſday his Majeſty in Council was pleaſed to order, that the Convocations of Canterbury and York, which ſtand prorogued to the 27th inſtant, ſhould be further prorogued to wedneſday the 23d of next month. *Ibid.* *It will be then ſo near the holydays, I preſume, they will not ſit, till after —— Chriſtmas.*

Laſt friday morning Mr. Francis Stokes, an eminent Farmer at Southwell, in Middleſex, received an anonymous letter by the general poſt, demanding ten guineas to be put under a new tile, that was laid near a gate of a field upon Southwell-green, threatning, upon caſe of refuſal, to ſet fire to his houſe and barns, and to deſtroy him and his family. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 17.

Yeſterday the four following Malefactors were executed at Tyburn, viz. Robert Johnſon, Hugh Morris, and James Obrian, for robbing on the highway; and Thomas Rivers for burglary. The Surgeons having a warrant for two bodies, have received thoſe of Hugh Morris and Robert Johnſon. *Ibid. D J.*

On ſaturday morning died Mrs. Champion, a widow Lady, at the houſe of her Son-in-law, — Burton, Eſq; in Hatton-garden; by whoſe death, we hear that an eſtate of above 500 l. falls to her Son-in-law. *Ibid.*

On ſunday evening ſeveral Conſtables, with proper aſſiſtance, being on a privy ſearch in detecting lewd and diſorderly houſes in and about Drury lane, met with ſeveral people, who could give very little account of themſelves, eſpecially one Elizabeth Thompſon, who inſulted the officers on their duty; but, by the vigilance and conduct of the Conſtables, the ſaid Elizabeth Thompſon and 3 others were taken and committed to Bridewell. *Ibid.* —— *Theſe Kings of the night give very unjuſt relations of their nocturnal exploits: inſtead of* very little, *its not to be doubted, but they could have given a* very large *account of themſelves; tho', perhaps, not a good one.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant to Mr. Cibber the place of Poet-Laureat, a place worth 200 l. per annum. *Ibid.* —— *I am terribly afraid this account is not true.*

Yeſterday a man was committed to Newgate on a violent ſuſpicion of being one of the incendiaries concerned in ſending ſeveral letters to divers of his Majeſty's ſubjects. *D J.*

The ſame day Sir Philip Meadows, Knight Marſhal of England, came to his houſe in Privy garden, Whitehall, from the Bath, being perfectly recovered of his late indiſpoſition. *Ibid.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 18.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Rev. Dr. Smallbrooke, Biſhop of St. David's, to ſucceed the preſent Biſhop of Durham, in the See of Litchfield and Coventry. *P.*

His Grace the Duke of Dorſet was yeſterday choſen one of the Governors of the Charter-houſe, in the room of the late Biſhop of Durham; and Dr. Hall was unanimouſly choſen Phyſician to the ſaid houſe, in the room of Dr. Bale, deceaſed. *D P. D J.*

One Webſter, who was evidence againſt James Dalton, lately executed, is committed to the new goal in Southwark, on ſuſpicion of ſetting fire to a houſe in Rotherhith; and the perſon that occupied the ſaid houſe, had a threatning letter ſent him. *Ibid.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

Mr. ROBERT DYER (one of the Clerks to William Bridges, Eſq; Secretary to the Hon. the Commiſſioners of the Stamp duties) was yeſterday ſworn, admitted, and inrolled, an Attorney of his Majeſty's Court of King's-Bench, by the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice Raymond. — *Tho' Mr.* DYER *does not ſeem to be a favourer of our Society, by ſome Pieces we have ſeen of his, and with which he has obliged ſome of our Brethren: yet we are pleaſed to find that good-natur'd Man is in earneſt to follow the Profeſſion in which he was educated, and quit the thankleſs and unprofitable purſuit of the Muſes; notwithſtanding they introduced him into the eſteem and friendſhip of that great judge of Men, Sir* RICHARD STEELE; *who, we are very well ſatisfied, intended, if he had lived, to be his friend with a certain* GREAT MAN.

To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Grubean Society.*

Dear Sir, *St. James's Square, Nov.* 16.

Upon reading the Daily Poſt-Boy of the 14th Inſtant, I found the following advertiſement. On friday the 20th of this Inſt. Nov. at ſix in the Evening will begin a Courſe of Philoſophy, Aſtronomy and Geography, to be perform'd by GEORGE GORDON; at the Marine Coffee-houſe behind the Royal Exchange. In this Courſe will be explain'd all the phænomena of the Solar Syſtem, AS MAY BE VIEW'D BY ANY OBSERVER PLACED IN ANY OF THE PLANETS, either primary or ſecondary, &c.

Now I being extremely deſirous, out of an inſatiable thirſt after knowledge, to be *placed in* ſome PLANET as an OBSERVER, my humble requeſt to your Society is, that you would lend me your *Pegaſus* (none of my Papa's racers being fit for the purpoſe) that I may not looſe this extraordinary opportunity of ſeeing *all the Phænomena of the*

Solar Syſtem, in ſo convenient a ſcituation, which will infinitely oblige a *curious* maid, and your conſtant Reader

URANIA.

P. S. I would ſet out as ſoon as poſſible, the time being very ſhort.

To which by order of the Society, Mr. BAVIUS returned the following anſwer.

MADAM,

I am ſorry, that we cannot furniſh you with a ſteed fit for your purpoſe. Our *Pegaſus* never ſoars above the atmoſphere: and tho' he has frequently attempted a journey to the Moon, which is the neareſt *of the Planets*; yet he could never get any higher, than only to receive ſo ſtrong an influence from thence, as to return with his Riders quite Lunatick. Beſides, tho' the Ladies may ride *lighter* than the Gentlemen, he never riſes ſo high with the former, as with the latter. We therefore think the Gentleman who propoſes that his OBSERVERS ſhould *be placed* in ſome *of the* PLANETS, is obliged in honour, by his great skill in Mathematics, to provide a proper Machine to convey them thither: which may very conveniently be put in motion upon *Windmill-hill*, oppoſite to *Bedlam*.

A remark on a paſſage in the London Journal, Oct. 31. by TIMOTHY NOODLE, Eſq;

THE great regard which I have always had for our moſt illuſtrious Royal Family, has ſtirred me up to take notice of a moſt indecent reflection on the character of her Majeſty, in the *London Journal* of Oct. 31. In this ſcandalous Libel, Mr. Oſborne (having obſerved, that if Mr. Danvers had faithfully *abridged the Hiſtory of the Reign he writes about, or made a faithful abſtract of the facts, the people would immediately ſee, that there was* NO PARALLEL *between the Reign of Henry VI, and this; nor the* LEAST RESEMBLANCE *of actions*) adds, that the Hiſtorian aſſures us, that the Queen 'was one of the moſt ac-'compliſh'd Ladies in the world, in all perfections of a 'woman; beautiful without blemiſh, *virtuous to admi-'ration*, and every way fitted for the greateſt of Prin-'ceſſes: that ſhe was graceful in perſon, of a ready and 'politic wit, and of a courage equal to the braveſt men. This character, Gentlemen, agrees ſo well with that of her preſent Majeſty; that I think the fellow who has dared to ſay, that there is *no parallel, nor the leaſt reſemblance* between that Reign and this, deſerves not only the cenſure of this learned Body, but the correction alſo of the Magiſtrate. And, I do not doubt, but our illuſtrious Preſident will, with his wonted zeal and loyalty, make a juſt repreſentation of ſo open and flagrant an affront to a Queen, whom we all know to be poſſeſſed of thoſe virtues, aſcribed by the Hiſtorian to Henry VIth's Queen, in the higheſt degree.

An extempore Reply to the off-hand Anſwer, printed in FOG's Journal *of the 7th inſtant.*

1.

WHY how now, Miſtir FOG!
You are a ſawcy Dog,
To dare t'abuſe the *Grub-ſtreet* Writer:
Than you he's more exact,
Both in words and in fact;
More faithful in proſe, in verſe brighter.

2.

You try, like Mr. MIST,
To your mill to bring griſt,
By writing in all ſorts of ſhapes:
Your poiſon up you mix
In baneful Politicks;
You Jacobite! you Jack-anapes.

3.

For want, you turn news-monger,
As girls turn whores for hunger;
Behind double meanings ſtill dodging,
You ſlice the Government,
Then ſwear 'twa'n't your intent:
But lying's your meat, drink and lodging.

4.

What, tho' the CAPTAIN rambles
In Pindarick preambles;
Yet, truly, I'd much ſooner burn all
The Papers of the week,
If the truth I may ſpeak,
Than I'd part with the *Grub-ſtreet* Journal.

5.

Let others fill their ſkull
With *Daily Papers* dull,
While I in the *Grub-ſtreet* find moſt joys
To me one ſingle letter,
Than each whole Paper's better,
Q. for *Courant*, and P. for *Poſt-boy*.

6.

GRUB from others his news
Knows with judgment to chuſe;
Who dies, or who's robb'd, or who marries:
And, I'll lay a fair bett,
He outdoes the *Gazette*
Of Amſterdam, London, or Paris.

Upon reading theſe verſes, Mr. MAVIUS declared, that, tho' he had written a Copy on the ſame ſubject, and in the ſame numbers, yet he would not preſume to produce them at ſo great a diſadvantage. That it was extremely generous in the Author, who certainly is no Member of our Society, to ſend us ſo admirable a vindication of our *Journal*; in which he has plainly ſhewed his great skill, not only in Poetry, but in the whole Art of writing Politics, as practiſed by thoſe great Adepts, Mr. MIST and Mr. FOG.

To this Mr. ORTHODOXO added, that as to the Poetry or Politicks in Mr. FOGS *Journal* he had nothing to ſay at preſent but begged leave for a few words concerning a *Letter* relating to Deiſm and Infidelity, publiſhed in that very *Journal*, in which our Society is abuſed. This *Letter* is written in direct contradiction to one publiſhed in his *Journal* of Sept. 26; and is introduced with the character of an *excellent Diſcourſe*, and an aſſurance, *that nothing ſo well written, and with ſo good a tendency, ſhall be refuſed by this Paper*. In the Letter itſelf, the Author charges thoſe who embrace the doctrines of Chriſtianity, as tranſmitted down to us from the moſt early ages, with having *formed their notions on the crude and inconſiſtent interpretations of weak or deſigning men, contained in their Creeds and Syſtems of Divinity*; MOST OF WHICH *have no foundation in the Revelation itſelf, and many of them are entirely contradictory thereto*. The *too haſtily* forming of theſe notions he aſſigns as *the chief cauſe of the* DEISM *and* INFIDELITY *of this Day*. And as a remedy, propoſes the reading *of that excellent Treatiſe of the late learned and pious Mr.* LOCK, *entituled* THE REASONABLENESS OF CHRISTIANITY, *a Piece worthy the peruſal of every impartial Enquirer*. As this account of the cauſe of the diſtemper, and of the method of cure, is ſo contrary, both to the theory and to the practice of thoſe ſpiritual Phyſicians, who are great admirers of Mr. FOG's Political Medicines, I wonder that none of them have ſent us any Animadverſions upon this *Journal*: eſpecially, ſince our Society have given ſo many proofs of our impartiality, in reſtraining the exorbitances of our Members, without the leaſt Regard to Party Diſtinctions. BAVIUS.

Edinburgh, Nov. 5. In the Gardens of James Juſtice, Eſq; jun. of Chrichtoun, one of the principal Clerks of the Seſſion, and lately admitted one of the fellows of the Royal Society at London, have been cut this year 4 Ananas, or Indian Pine-apples, in great maturity: there have been alſo pulled a great many Coffee-berries, in ſuch perfection, that from them a dozen young trees have been raiſed, the old ones having ſtill many berries and bloſſoms on them. Thoſe, together with the Bonona, or Plantain-tree, Cocoa, Guiava, Palmeto and Camphire-trees, with many other ſuch exotick plants, and a very large and curious collection of Hyacinths, and other valuable flowers, embelliſh the gardens of this ingenious Gentleman, at his Country ſeat at Chrichtoun. *C. D J. D P.*

Dublin, Oct. 31. On tueſday laſt one Harris was taken and committed to Newgate, for moſt barbarouſly murdering his own ſon, about 5 years of age, by ſtabbing him with a knife; it is ſaid he came home with intention to kill his wife, but ſhe made her eſcape. *C P.*

Dublin, Nov. 3. On friday laſt their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices went to the College, and heard orations and verſes, ſpoken in honour of his Majeſty's birth day: their Excellencies having order'd 100 l. to be given to thoſe who ſhould perform beſt. *Ibid.*

On thurſday laſt 4 fellows attempted to break into a houſe in Coles-lane, with ſo little fear, that they alarmed the people; and tho' they called murder ſeveral times to the watch, yet they did not deſiſt, till they were juſt upon the point of being taken, and only made off to a waſte place adjacent, without ſeeming to have the leaſt apprehenſion of danger or purſuit. *Ibid.* —— *By this account it ſeems there was a good intelligence betwixt the rogues and thoſe that ſhould have taken them.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 12.

Hamburgh, Nov. 14. N. S. The Duke of Liria hath made preſſing inſtances to the Court at Moſcow, that they would not confine themſelves with the differences between the Emperor and the King his Maſter, about the affairs of Italy; nor to order the 30 000 auxiliaries, ſo often mentioned to begin their march. In return for which his excellency declares, he could warrant, there would not be the leaſt deviation made from the treaty concluded with her Czarian Majeſty. *C.*

Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated Oct. 22.

'WHat every one here ſuſpected is already come to paſs at Court; the King growing impatient under the 'abſence of his favourites, has recalled them, and the 'Duke d'Eſpernon is actually arrived at Petitbourg, a ſeat 'of the Duke d'Antin; the Duke de Geſvres is returned 'to St. Owen, and the Duke de Richlieu hither. The 'Cardinal is content with having made them ſenſible of what 'he can do; but it is very much queſtioned, whether thoſe 'Noblemen are of ſo forgiving a temper, and ſo free from 'the ſpirit of ambition, as to balance accounts with him 'for the quickneſs of their recall. *P. E P.*

We ſee here the medal ſtruck at Rome upon the election of the Pope; and repreſents on one ſide the Pontiff, and on the reverſe is *Charity* ſuckling 2 children, with this Motto, *Non quærit quæ ſua ſunt: he does not ſeek his own. Ibid.* —— *One would imagine the Tranſlator thought the Medal was ſtruck for* POPE JOAN.

Lucern, Nov. 9. Some advices from Spain ſay that from the moment King Philip heard of Victor Amadeus of Sardinia's reſignation of his Crown, they plainly perceived his inclination to abdicate once more in favour of the Prince of Aſturias. *S J.*

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 13.

Hague, Oct. 13. Our laſt advices from the Court of Berlin, are by no means agreeable, affairs there not taking ſo good a turn as we could wiſh. However, their High Mightineſſes have again ſent orders to Mynher Ginkel, their Miniſter at Berlin, to make uſe of their name to his Pruſſian Majeſty, and endeavour to prevail with him to forget the cauſe of anger which the Prince Royal, his Son, may have given him. *P.*

Our Letters from Vienna ſpeak very differently of the new plan of operations for the Allies of Seville: but it is confirmed on all hands, that in caſe an accommodation cannot be made this winter, they will no longer amuſe themſelves with pacifick ſchemes and propoſals, as they have hitherto done, for the ſake of peace and the publick tranquillity: but enter upon a war in good earneſt. *P.*

The Duke of Mecklemburg ſhews leſs inclination than ever, to ſubmit himſelf to the Imperial decrees: That Prince has lately cauſed another memorial to be delivered to the members of the Dyet, filled with complaints of the ſub delegated commiſſion. *Ibid.*

The differences between the courts of Vienna and Saxony increaſe inſtead of diminiſhing. *Ibid.*

Hamburgh, Nov. 10. We learn from Swerin, that Duke Leopold has received a letter from the Czarina his ſiſter, very much to his Satisfaction. *D. P.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 14.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Hague, Oct. 31. N.S. Letters from Copenhagen confirm the former accounts of the changes that have been rung in the miniſtry there, ſince the death of the late King. The Order of the Elephant is conferr'd upon the Heer Von Roſencrantz, and made director of both the Chanceries, to the great mortification of the Great Chancellor, the Count de Holſtein; the Privy-Counſellor Von Ploſs has been honoured with the blue ribbon; but the Count Von Reventlau was, without ceremony, diſmiſſed from his precious morſels of of great *Huntſman* and preſident of *Altena*. *P.*

Petersbourg, Nov. 18. The Merchants trading to Great Britain, have received the grateful news from London, that his Britannick Majeſty, at the ſollicitation of the Merchants there, will ſhortly ſend an Ambaſſador to the Czarina, to ſettle all the differences that at preſent ſubſiſt between the two Courts. *D P.*

Gibraltar, Oct. 22. O.S. Laſt night we had moſt terrible thunder and lightning, by which one man was killed and ſix wounded, on board the Dreadnought man of war; her fore-top-maſt was carried away, and her fore-maſt ſhivered. The main maſt of the Friendſhip, Capt. Spriggs, was ſhiver'd down to the deck, as was a Scooner. *D J. W E.*

Cadiz, Oct. 31. Its now believed, no Flota will go from hence next year; the treaſure and effects brought by the laſt, are ſtill locked up, and no proſpect of an alteration. *L E.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 19.

Yeſterday came in the Mails due from France *and* Holland.

Moſcow, Oct. 26. N. S. The Czarina has given freſh aſſurances to Count Wratiſlaw, that the Emperor, his Maſter, may depend upon the 30,000 Ruſſians, whenever he ſhall have occaſion for them. *C.*

Vienna, Nov. 8. N. S. The dethroning the Grand Seignior, and the death of the Prime Viſier, and ſome other Miniſters, are confirmed by ſeveral expreſſes from Conſtantinople, but they differ much about the circumſtances of that revolution. The Turkiſh Conſul has had an audience of Prince Eugene of Savoy, and, its ſaid, the Court will ſhortly ſend a ſolemn Embaſſy to Conſtantinople, to renew the truce concluded at Paſſarowitz, in 1718, with the new Sultan. *Ibid.*

Extract of a letter from Paris, dated Nov. 13.

THE report that was ſpread, that upon the arrival of the Marquis de Caſtellar, conferences were begun with the Imperial Miniſters, upon a new plan of accommodation, to prevent a war in Italy, was without foundation. 'Tis confirmed, that Count Koningſek and the Baron de Fonſeca, are recalled; and their Excellencies are preparing to return in a few days. The Marquis de Caſtellar has delivered a memorial to the Cardinal Miniſter, wherein he demands, that war be immediately de-

clared against the Emperor, as the Allies of Seville engaged, in case his Imperial Majesty did not accede to the treaty. And that Minister presses hard for a positive answer, that his Master may know what he has to trust to, and not (as last year) be put to great expences, to no purpose. *Ibid.*

Letters from Rome of the 30th past advise, that the prosecution against Cardinal Coscia was carried on with the greatest vigour, *Ibid.*

Letters from Ceuta advise, that in the month of September last, the King of Morocco fought a bloody battle in open field, with most of the chiefs of the rebels of his kingdom, in which the latter were defeated, above 7000 whites being killed upon the spot, and the rest put to flight. *Ibid. P.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 17.

Bologna, Nov. 4. N. S. Provision is making at Pontremoli, for the subsistence of 5000 Germans, who are to march from the neighbourhood of Magra, to the frontiers of Parma, *C.*

Warsaw, Nov. 4. The Senators and other Grandees of the Kingdom having desired the King to stay here some time, its thought his Majesty will stay here part of the winter, to engage them, by his presence, to give the greater dispatch to publick business, which his Majesty has recommended to them the more earnestly, because he would fain appoint a time for another general dyet before he returns to Saxony. *Ibid.*

Hague, Oct. 31. The Duke de Ripperda is arriv'd here; and we are assured he designs to return and spend the remainder of his life in the Ommelands, the place of his nativity, and where his estate lies: but as for the other part of the story, viz. that he will become a Protestant again, and reassume his seat in their High Mightinesses assembly, on the part of the province of Groningen, we know not what stress may be laid upon it. *P. I know not what stress may be laid against it; Instances of Ministers changing their religion being too common, Witness* ——

Extract of a private Letter from Vienna dated Oct. 21, N. S.

OUR Courtiers affect to give out, that orders are sent to Count Sinzendorf at the Hague, to complain to their High Mightinesses, and demand satisfaction of them, for the orders sent by their Admiralties to the ships of the Republick, and those of the East India Company, to take the two Ostend ships, as they have done, in conjunction with the English: and in case of refusal, he is to declare, that his Imperial Majesty will take a proper opportunity to resent this insult. *Ibid.*

Leyden, Nov. 21. Advices from Italy bring an account, that the Rebels of the isle of Corsica have destroyed two antient settlements of Grecians, and massacred all the inhabitants, men, women and children, for being well affected to the republick of Genoa. *Ibid.* —— *I remember where such another massacre (and for much the same reasons) was done in another Island, in the last century.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 18.

Paris, Nov. 20. N. S. The grand duke of Tuscany sits easy between the two contending powers of Germany and Spain: he has been advis'd by his little council to enter into alliance with powers against both; however he is resolv'd to hold his own as long as he can, and threatens that if any body of imperial troops attempts to march into his territories, he will let the Spaniards in at the other door, *viz.* Leghorn; and if the Spaniards endeavour to land in his country, he will admit the Imperialists also on the other side of the Milanese. *P.*

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